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A 96 (170)

HAVANA--FIRST ADD SABOTAGE A 89 X X X SABOTEURS.

THE MEN WERE REPORTED TO HAVE LANDED OCT. 19 AND OCT. 20, USING A RUBBER RAFT EQUIPPED WITH A MUFFLED MOTOR. CRESPO WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED WITH A COMPANION NAMED PEDRO VERA ORTIZ AT A FARM IN A HILLY REGION NEAR VINALES NOV. 2.

WHAT THE GROUP MAY HAVE ACHIEVED BETWEEN THE TIME OF LANDING AND THE DATE OF THE ARRESTS WAS NOT SPECIFIED.

DETAILS MADE PUBLIC IN HAVANA, HOWEVER, INCLUDED THE DECLARATIONS:

IN ADDITION TO WEAPONS AND SUPPLIES, THE BAND WAS EQUIPPED WITH EXPLOSIVES, RADIO TRANSMITTERS AND ENOUGH FOOD FOR TWO WEEKS.

IF THE WIRE AND CABLEWAY SABOTAGE HAD SUCCEEDED, ABOUT 400 WORKERS WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED.

THE PLAN WAS FOR THE MEN TO BE PICKED UP BY A U.S. NAVY VESSEL AFTER COMPLETION OF THE MISSION, "FOR WHICH THEY HAD BEEN SPECIALLY TRAINED BY THE CIA IN THE UNITED STATES."

NEWSPAPER STORIES SAID CRESPO AND HIS GROUP ALSO BENEFITTED FROM "THE COLLABORATION OF A CERTAIN EMBASSY WHICH LENDS ITS DIPLOMATIC POUCH TO BRING IN TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT FOR SABOTEURS." THE EMBASSY WAS NOT NAMED.

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A 125 (280)

HAVANA--SECOND ADD SABOTAGE (A 96) X X X NOT NAMED.

BY CUBAN ACCOUNT THE GROUP ALSO WAS PLANNING TO DISGUISE THEMSELVES LATER AS SOLDIERS OF PRIME MINISTER FIDEL CASTRO'S ARMY AND INVADE NICARAGUA, THUS PROVIDING AN EXCUSE FOR FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN CUBA.

THIS SCHEME WAS DECLARED "PROJECTED BY THE CIA IN COMBINATION WITH (NICARAGUAN) PRESIDENT LUIS SOMOZA," A CENTRAL AMERICAN FOE OF CASTRO'S REGIME.

THERE WAS NO ELABORATION OF WHY CUBAN AUTHORITIES CHOSE TO KEEP SILENT ON THE CAST THROUGH 10 DAYS SINCE THE REPORTED ARREST OF CRESPO AND ORTIZ.

HOWEVER, THE SOVIET MISSILE CRISIS MAY HAVE BEEN A FACTOR. PRESIDENT KENNEDY ANNOUNCED ORDERS OCT. 22 FOR THE U.S. ARMS BLOCKADE OF CUBA.

THOUGH THE HAVANA RADIO LISTED THE NAMES OF 12 SABOTEURS, THERE WAS NO MENTION OF THE CAPTURE OF MORE THAN TWO.